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Comments Received on Proposed Vision and Goals Statements

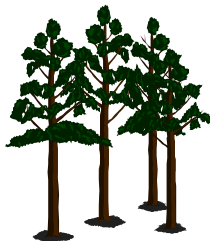
In the November 2002 Master Planning Newsletter, the proposed Vision and Goals Statements for both Governor Thompson State Park and the Peshtigo River State Forest were presented to you for the first time.

Many of you have been helpful in sharing your suggestions on how you would like to see the both the Vision statement and Goals appear. Thank you for taking the time to contribute to the planning process!

As your comments were received, they were recorded and organized into categories, depending upon the topic that they addressed. Then, after a substantial review from the Master Planning Team, your comments pertaining to the Vision and Goals statements were incorporated, as much as possible, into the proposed Vision and Goals statements. The revised Vision and Goals statements now more accurately reflect the opinions of the community and the Department. (Please see the Revised Draft Vision and Goals shown on page 2.) Some of your comments included:

Governor Thompson State Park

- *"Keep the area somewhat secluded."*
- *"Please consider adding horse trails and camping."*
- *"Do not create too many motorized trails."*



Peshtigo River State Forest

- *"Hunting, especially for small game species should be a priority."*
- *"...retain the natural scenic beauty of the shoreline, and not allow over development."*
- *"Non-motorized primitive camping."*
- *"Keep the snowmobile trails intact."*
- *"Promote early successional forest types."*

Management Alternatives to Be Discussed at Next Public Meetings

A major topic of discussion at the next public meetings on **April 15th & April 16th, 2003** will be the recently developed Preliminary Management Alternatives for designed for Gov. Thompson State Park. Over the last few weeks, members of the Master Planning Team have been investigating various potential management strategies to be incorporated on Gov. Thompson State Park. These strategies include vegetative management alternatives, recreation (development) alternatives, and boundary alternatives. They provide options for forestry, recreation, and wildlife management and development and aim to combine expert opinion with public input. As always, a property can't be "all things to all people." The potential alternative plans will be mailed in early April 2003. You are encouraged to study and then comment on these alternatives during the upcoming public meetings. If you are unable to attend the meetings, you may send comments via letters or email.

When speaking with potential park users, some issues and patterns were obvious:

- *Keep the small lakes non-motorized*
- *Keep the shorelines natural appearing.*
- *Help solve the "problem" of Ranch Rd. snowmobile and ATV trails.*
- *Study the feasibility and placement of horse trails and horse camping facilities.*
- *Consider deer hunting to manage the herd size*
- *Camping is important.*
- *Water access is desired.*